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NOTE FOR: ~~Lt. Gen. Wilson~~
             Mr. Bush   _STATINTL

             May I discuss with you, at your convenience?

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        Attached is a letter for the DCI's signature to SecDef intended to
get top-level DoD attention to the naming of a successor to Sam Wilson
as the DCI's Community deputy.

        For reasons not entirely clear, the processing of candidates for
the job seems to be stuck in channels within DoD and JCS.

        I personally (as the senior civilian on the IC Staff) am convinced
that the Community deputy should be at least a 3-star military officer.
DoD equities are large and need to feel they are well-represented at the
DCI's side. (As a practical matter, any _civilian_ deputy -- as attested
by past experience -- will find it difficult if not impossible to insure
substantial and continuing accomplishments in the Community environ-
ment when DoD interests are so heavily involved.)

        Accordingly, the letter is drafted with this point in mind. It asks
for particular consideration of either of two first-rate officers who would
be entirely acceptable.

        A letter at this time is necessary not only to unblock DoD's internal
log jam but also to ensure we are not victimized by the nomination of
unacceptable individuals.

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                                            E. H. Knoche
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Attachment:
    DCI Letter to SecDef

STATINTL 20 Feb 76: Per [   ] the attached to Sec. of Defense is not
going to be signed.

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

The Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld
The Secretary of Defense
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Don:

The purpose of this letter is to ask for your personal assistance
in filling a position of key importance to both of us. The position is that
of Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community. Its incumbent, a
most able and competent officer, is Lieutenant General Samuel V. Wilson
who will join Bob Ellsworth on 1 March as Bob's military deputy.

As you know, the Rockefeller Commission and other observers as
well have recommended that the DCI have two deputies, one to help admin-
ister the Central Intelligence Agency and the other to aid in the coordina-
tion of Community-wide intelligence activities. I firmly support the idea.
I also believe the Community deputy should be a military officer of at
least 3-star rank. I say this in full recognition of the Defense Department's
vital interests in the welfare and effectiveness of our national intelligence
machinery.

It is, of course, in our mutual interest to assign to this important
task the best-qualified candidate we can find. Among candidates we would
find particularly commodious are RADM Bobby Inman, currently the
Director of Naval Intelligence, and MG David Bradburn, USAF, now
assigned as Vice Commander of a unit at Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts.

Because of Sam Wilson's imminent return to OSD and my own need
to have the services of a full-time military deputy for the Community
account, I would very much appreciate all you can do to expedite the posting
of an agreed candidate who can take on this important work and -- from my
standpoint -- the sooner the better for us both.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

George Bush

Letter to Donald H. Rumsfeld
      The Secretary of Defense

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